

CTE Consortium Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 10, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MATC – Room 115

Present:	Jack Bell	Mike Liechty
	Boyd Donaldson	Glo Merrill
	Cheryl Hardy	Mary Lou Seamons
	Brent Judd	

USOE Staff Present: Darrell Andelin, Buddy Deimler, Janet Goble, Patti Godfrey, Renee Hyer, Marv Johnson, Dawn Kay-Stevenson, Thalea Longhurst, Carl Lyman, Sherry Marchant, Tom Sachse, Mary Shumway, Dale Stephens, Craig Stoker.

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Boyd Donaldson welcomed everyone to the meeting. The October 2008 meeting minutes were approved as recorded.

2. Action Items Report

Mary Shumway updated the consortium on each of the items on the report. Highlights are listed here.

- Dawn Kay-Stevenson is working with a board subcommittee on the High School Restructuring Initiative.
- Dawn is reporting on the CIDS RFP on today's agenda.
- Mary Shumway and the directors discussed the importance of presenting pathways to superintendents and principals.
- Directors expressed the desire to schedule Jim Stone for a return visit to Utah for the superintendents, principals, and other state administrators.
- Mary Shumway and Marv Johnson indicated it was not a good time to discuss the redirecting of WPU for ATC students with Todd Hauber and Larry Newton. We will put this item on hold temporarily.

3. Goals

Mary Shumway indicated we would return to the goals discussion at the end of the meeting if time allowed.

Mary Shumway took some time to report on the National ACTE Conference. She recognized Buddy Deimler's role on the national board this year. There were some other Utah people recognized at the convention as well. Larry Stephenson was recognized as a contender for the "Perkins Award." Terry Price won the "National Service Award." Ralph Anderson was a finalist for the "Teacher of the Year" award. Mary encouraged directors to get word out to all Utah ACTE members to vote this year as we have two state people on the ballot running for office. Alan Sulzer – Agriculture Teacher Representative and Judy Whitaker – President.

Mary also wanted to let everyone know the latest regarding the state budget cuts everyone is reading about in the news. Right now USOE has taken a 3% decrease. As of January 1st it is expected there will be an overall 5% decrease for FY09. The question is what the total impact will be for budgeting for FY10. Some speculate it may be up to 19% if the legislature has their way. Others are hoping for the more conservative estimates that the governor would like to implement. We will not know the outcome of that struggle until the end of the legislative session in March.

4. PwT Teacher Salary Supplement Program

Darrell Andelin and Mary Shumway discussed the controversy that surrounds the way the legislature appropriated funds for the supplemental teacher salary program for specific math and science teachers, and how the PwT course was not on the list. The DHRM is administering these funds not the state office

of education. There are some “Physics with Technology–CTE” teachers that have been overlooked. So far DHRM has only been willing to include “Physics with Technology–Science” teachers. Mary asked that the directors bring this to the attention of their individual district superintendents. The handout shows the website and the names of contacts districts should use in case any of their teachers are being overlooked. Mary would like to have as many administrators as are willing to contact them so they understand the importance of this problem they have created. So far they have not been open to discuss the matter with USOE.

5. AAS Course Approval Process

Mary Shumway reported that she was encouraged by the new developments that came from the state board regarding the approval process for adding courses to the Advanced and Applied Supplemental Courses List. They said that their intent was not to have students take a vertical ladder to advanced math and science degrees. Their intent was meant to encourage horizontal learning, allowing students to expand into other applied math and science curriculum. It was also emphasized that local school boards have control to approve math or science courses for credit. The process to get a course approved by the state board should be a relatively simple process if a local board has already accepted a particular course. It was never intended that the courses be approved or rejected by the state math or science specialists. The board wanted districts, counselors, business and industry, involved in this AAS course list, not the state office of education curriculum specialists. Mary Shumway indicated the Medical Math course will be submitted as a test case and we will use the experience gained for submitting Business Math.

6. Concurrent Enrollment

Craig Stoker reported on the status of the concurrent enrollment committee under the direction of the new state specialist Moya Kessig. The 2009-10 course master list is being published this week. The committee wants to review the 2010-11 list to make sure all courses merit the status of concurrent enrollment. Some of the courses have very low enrollment, some are very old, and some are not even taught. The CTE directors discussed different courses and the many philosophies that could be used to eliminate or maintain courses that apply to CTE. No final decisions were made, but Craig guaranteed everyone that he would discuss specific courses in specific regions with CTE directors on an individual basis so care would be taken not to remove courses that were of value. Mary Shumway suggested that any CTE directors that get the feeling from their local contacts that they are being targeted for elimination in this clean-up effort should contact Patti Harrington and make her aware. Mary assured everyone that this concurrent enrollment course list evaluation is not targeted at CTE courses.

7. Accounting AP Course

Janet Goble informed the consortium that there was a national initiative for Advanced Placement Accounting that is meant to drive students toward accounting degrees. Cash scholarships are available to accounting teachers for participation to help with professional development. Utah teachers have been solicited for their feelings regarding the program and most responded positively. Some already had similar programs, some felt there wasn't any demand, some were already involved through concurrent enrollment, or were concerned about the fact credit is not guaranteed but is based on passing a test. Directors requested that Janet investigate the answers to a few additional questions they had regarding credit at the higher education institutions, and if the course was pathway friendly. Janet will report back at the next meeting.

8. Skill Certificate Testing

Renee Hyer reminded the consortium directors that when she presented the test revision schedule at the November CTE Directors meeting they all agreed that the minor revisions discussed that day could be presented to the consortium for final approval without having to return for a vote from the entire body. Renee provided the final revised list and indicated it was a conservative view and it may be possible to include more updates this year barring any budget cuts. The consortium directors approved the revised schedule. Renee also requested feedback on the proposed plan to include two additional computer languages for the Computer Programming IB tests. No new test would be written, just a language translation of the exact same test into Python and C Sharp. Everyone agreed this was acceptable. Craig Stoker reminded everyone about the test administration memorandum that was discussed in October and

he noted that they had not received any feedback for changes, so it is ready for immediate distribution to all directors.

9. Set Aside Fund Distribution

Marv Johnson reported that the State Office needs to control the distribution of funding in anticipation of possible budget cuts. If the funds are distributed too quickly the USOE can't go back and make necessary cuts. This year cuts would mostly come from ongoing funds. Set-aside cuts would take place in July. Discretionary would be handled on a case by case basis throughout the year. Starting next year Marv suggested the set-aside awards could be established as usual, but only distribute the funds on a reimbursement basis after the district spends the money. This avoids distributing it one twelfth at a time. Boyd Donaldson and Jack Bell both indicated it would be their preference to avoid taking the cuts from the formula side of the set-aside funds and take the hit from the discretionary side of the set-aside funds instead. This plan also eliminates all the extra paperwork involved. Marv Johnson will get back to everyone after he researches this possibility.

10. CCGP

Tom Sachse reported on the plans for the CCGP Winter and Summer Conferences. Winter Conference will highlight Pacific Islanders as professionals. The TV broadcaster Alema Harrington will be the keynote speaker. It is scheduled for Friday, February 6th which is the same day the UACTE Conference begins, but the time schedules will allow counselors to attend both meetings. The Summer Conference theme will be based on the SEOP and will provide opportunities for counselors to interact with each other.

Tom and Dawn Stevenson announced a survey monkey assessment that is being administered by SCORE a school outcome research company that will be conducted during the spring of 2009. Schools and those requested to participate at those schools will be randomly selected by the research company. It will be a mandatory participation and you will be notified if a school or individual did not fulfill the assignment so you can oversee it to completion. The success of Pathways in large part depends on the role of Comprehensive Guidance and our research plays an essential role in Pathways.

The directors requested additional information on how the mandated counselor ratio would be implemented if the board passes it next week. Dawn Stevenson indicated that the CTE funding statement was removed from the rule on the advice of Carol Lear. Dawn will oversee the preparation of data showing each district by school and where the discrepancies are. She will take care to plainly delineate between licensed counselors and other professional and clerical support.

11. Update on Choices RFP

Dawn Stevenson reported that the Career Information Delivery System RFP bid and product review process has been completed in collaboration with higher education and adult education. July 2010 the full switch will be made to the new vendor intoCareers. The new product seems to be easier to use, and signed contracts limit the cost increases over time to 2-3 percent. A cutover schedule will be published so you can inform your districts and schools.

UtahMentor.org has posted the scholarship summary online. We need to make principals and teachers aware of that information.

12. ASL Credit

Lou Seamons, Davis School District, requested information about whether or not the American Sign Language course taught at an ATC could be counted as a world language credit since the recent move of ASL away from CTE. ATC's can teach whatever they want, but it is up to the school and district to determine if there will be high school credit received for the class. The district world language curriculum people should be consulted to review and determine whether or not credit is accepted.

13. Bio Manufacturing Pathway

Glo Merrill, Murray School District, provided a handout displaying a Bio Manufacturing path that Salt Lake Community College is developing which starts by introducing the student to foundational

information before the path introduces the student to the three different career field courses available in Bio-Manufacturing. She wanted everyone to see this as a model for our secondary education CTE pathways. The committee discussed the model.

A request from Cheryl Hardy, Wasatch School District, was to share information between CTE directors on how other districts are maintaining their CTE teachers with the credit and remediation needs ever increasing. Bill Daggett has indicated that CTE is the solution to remediation. Glo Merrill said she would check with Parley Jacobs to see if CTE directors could be invited to attend the Bill Daggett presentation for the Wasatch Front on January 15th.

14. Other Items

The committee discussed CTE Month which will be coming up in February. The theme will most likely follow the National CTE Month suggestion as it is convenient for ordering promotional items.

The UACTE conference coming up on February 6-7, 2009 will feature John Craigle. He will show us how to use iTunes for educational purposes. Teachers are already asking us for information via iTunes, it is advisable that we are all aware of this technology. Mary Shumway has made arrangements for Ken Gray to present at the administration session. The Guidance and Work-based learning folks are invited to attend.

15. Next Meeting – January 28, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., MATC – Room 115